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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 1 to Invitation to Bid No. S40- N24909 for Dosimeters, Radiation for the Police Department

To: All Prospective Bidders:

This letter of Clarification is being issued for the following reasons:

- **To revise Section "B" Part I, General Specifications and respond to questions posed by perspective bidders:**

- 1.) Remove Page Nos. 9 - 14 of 29 and replace with Page Nos. 9 - 11 of 29 marked, REVISED 03/14/2014.
- 2.) The following questions and the City of Houston's responses are hereby incorporated and made part of the Invitation to Bid:

Question No. 1: Will delayed warranties be required on radiation dosimeters? Section B, Article 6.2?

Answer: No. See the attached Page Nos. 9 – 11 marked, revised 3/14/2014

Question No. 2: Will the City waive the Manufacturers Authorized Repair Facility within the Houston-Galveston Region? Section B, Article 6.7?

Answer: Yes. See the attached Page Nos. 9 – 11 marked, revised 3/14/2014

Question No. 3: Will the City waive the authorized representative of the supplier being required to supervise delivery to the City? Section B, Article 8.2?

Answer: Yes. See attached Page Nos. 9 – 11 marked, revised 3/14/2014

Question No. 4: Will the City waive Liquidated Damages? Section B, Article 9.1?

Answer: Yes. See attached Page Nos. 9 – 11 marked, revised 3/14/2014

Question No. 5: In Section C, Article 9.0 Release, 10.0 Indemnification, and 23.2.2 Default: are these items negotiable?

Answer: No.

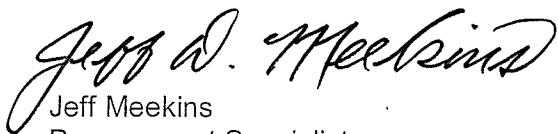
Question No. 6: Will the City consider an alternative to the specified item?

Answer: No.

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When issued, Letter(s) of Clarification shall automatically become a part of the solicitation documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Letter(s) of Clarification. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Letter(s) of Clarification are collaboratively from both the Strategic Purchasing Division and the applicable City Department(s). It is the responsibility of the bidder/respondent to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidders/respondents shall be deemed to have received all Letter(s) of Clarification and to have incorporated them into this solicitation and resulting bid.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each Contractor to obtain any previous Letter of Clarification associated with this solicitation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeff D. Meekins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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Attachments: Page Nos. 9 – 11, Marked, REVISED 03/14/2014

SECTION B
SPECIFICATIONS

PART I

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

1.0 BIDDING AND AWARD:

- 1.1 The City may accept this bid offer by issuance of a Notice of Award Letter and/or a Purchase Order at any time on or before the 120th day following the day the Official Bid Form is opened by the City. This offer shall be irrevocable for 120 days after bid opening or for 90 days after City Council awards the bid, whichever comes last, but this period may be extended by written agreement of the parties.
- 1.2 Prices bid shall remain firm through delivery and shall not be subject to increases (or supplemented on the Contractor's invoice(s) for payment).
- 1.3 The City reserves the option to adjust the quantities listed on the City's Official Bid Form upward or downward, subject to the availability of funds, and/or make award on a line item basis. Therefore, the City shall not be liable for any contractual agreements/obligations the Bidder enters into based on the City purchasing all the quantities specified herein.
- 1.4 The City reserves the right to INCREASE quantities during the twelve-month period following the issuance of the first purchase order subject to agreement in writing by the Contractor to honor its original unit bid price.

2.0 APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS:

- 2.1 "Notice to Bidders", the "Official Bid Forms", the "General Specifications", the "Technical Specifications", the "General Terms and Conditions" and other specifications that may be included herewith and the purchase orders which refer to these specifications.

3.0 TECHNICAL LITERATURE:

- 3.1 To evaluate the bids, the user department and the City purchasing staff may require product literature/specification sheets. Technical literature may be provided with the bid submittal but is not required. However, the City reserves the right to request literature or clarifications, as needed, after bid submittal.
- 3.2 If required, the Bidder must submit a minimum of TWO SETS of the requested catalogue information, descriptive literature specifications and/or (if applicable) engineering drawings that completely identify the items bid. Bidder(s) shall furnish the requested literature within seven (7) calendar days after the receipt of the City's written request. FAILURE ON BIDDER'S PART TO FURNISH THE REQUESTED TECHNICAL DATA IN THE TIME LIMIT GIVEN MAY BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF THE BID.

4.0 WARRANTY:

- 4.1 A minimum twelve (12) month warranty on both materials and workmanship shall be provided. The warranty period shall commence the date the City officially accepts the completed item(s). When extended warranties are available as standard, they shall be included as a part of the bid for the benefit of the City. Any and all documents necessary to effect warranty shall be properly applied for and submitted by the Bidder.
- 4.2 Additional warranties required are listed in the Technical Specifications for each item.

- 4.3 With respect to any goods, materials, equipment, supplies and parts furnished by it, the Contractor warrants:
- That all items are new and free of defects in title, design, material and workmanship.
 - That each item meets or exceeds the manufacturer's specifications and requirements for the equipment structure, or other improvement in which the item is installed and conforms in all respects to the terms of the City Purchase Order and Specifications.
 - That each replacement item is new, in accordance with original equipment
 - Manufacturer's specifications are of a quality of at least as good as the quality of the item that it replaces (when the replaced item was new).
 - That no item or its use infringes any patent, copyright or proprietary right.
- 4.4 The Contractor's product shall be supported by an authorized service facility that can provide warranty repair, service and maintenance work within 24 hours from notification by the City.
- 4.5 Any warranty work shall be completed without cost to the City. The Contractor shall be responsible for all shipping and/or freight expense from the City's designated location to the Contractor's facility for all warranty repair and/or maintenance and return to the City's designated location.

5.0 DELIVERY/INSPECTION:

- 5.1 The item(s) specified above, with delivery tickets and/or other required documents shall be delivered FOB Destination, to the location(s) shown on the purchase order(s) **within the delivery time(s) as listed in the Technical Specifications** after receipt of City of Houston Purchase Order.
- 5.2 The Contractor shall notify the City Contact listed in the "Ship To" section of the purchase order not less than three (3) days prior to expected delivery/arrival to permit inspection scheduling. The City's contact person shall advise the Contractor as to the date, time and location of authorized delivery/location. An authorized representative of the Contractor shall supervise delivery to the City. The City will not assume any liability for equipment delivered to an unauthorized location.
- 5.3 Documentation at time of Delivery:
The Contractor shall provide the following documentation **per purchase order** upon delivery:
- Copy of purchase order(s) and original invoice(s).
 - Warranty policy (ies) and/or certifications as may be required in the Specifications.
 - Parts, service, operators and maintenance manual(s) as may be required in the Technical Specifications.

6.0 SHIPPING TERMS:

- 6.1 Prices shall be prepaid F.O.B. Destination to the delivery locations, Houston, TX, as indicated on individual City of Houston purchase orders. The Contractor shall retain title and control of all goods until they are delivered and the contract of coverage has been completed. All risk of transportation and all related charges shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. All claims for visible or concealed damage shall be filed by the Contractor. The City will notify the Contractor promptly of any damaged goods and shall assist the Contractor in arranging for inspection.

7.0 **RESOLUTION OF LATE DELIVERY FOR EQUIPMENT:**

- 7.1 Time is of the essence in this Contract and accordingly all time limits shall be strictly construed and rigidly enforced. The work shall be furnished and fully completed within the delivery time specified in the Bid Proposal and Purchase Order to be furnished to the Contractor by the City. In the event that the work or any portions thereof shall remain uncompleted after expiration of the specified time, the Contractor shall furnish to the City a like number of comparable equipment for the City's use until such time as the ordered equipment are delivered. The equipment shall be furnished to the City with insurance to cover the use of this equipment by City personnel and in pursuit of the City's business. Should the Contractor not furnish such specified equipment during the late delivery period, the City retains the right to lease such equipment from a equipment leasing firm and the Contractor agrees and authorizes the City to deduct all such costs associated with such leases from the amounts due and owing to the Contractor under the Purchase Order. The City may avail itself of other remedies that may be available to it in law or equity as to any other event of default
- 7.2 The Contractor will not be liable for delays in performing its obligations to the extent such delays are caused by unforeseeable conditions that are beyond the Contractor's reasonable control and directly interfere with performance, and are without the Contractor's fault or negligence (force majeure). However, the Contractor shall provide written notice to the City of the cause and extent of an **excusable delay** requesting a time extension equal to the estimated duration thereof. Upon cessation of the event causing the delay, the Contractor shall provide written notice to the City of the actual delay incurred. Determination of force majeure shall rest solely with the City Purchasing Agent and the receiving department.

8.0 **CONFLICT IN TERMS:**

- 8.1 Should there be any conflict between the General Specifications and the Technical Specifications, the Technical Specifications shall prevail.